

SENATE BILL 422
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AN ACT to authorize the wildlife resources commission to promulgate rules and regulations to adjust fees for licenses and permits in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, and to establish new licenses and permits along with necessary fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-206(a)(5), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of the subdivision.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-206(a)(6), is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of the subdivision and by substituting instead the punctuation and word "; and".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-206(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (7):

(7) Promulgate rules and regulations to adjust fees for licenses and permits in this title and to establish new licenses and permits as deemed appropriate along with necessary fees. Adjusting or establishing fees shall be in such amounts as may be necessary to administer the provisions of the wildlife laws; provided, that the percentage increase in total revenue from a license package containing one (1) or more license and/or permit, shall not exceed the percent of increase in the average consumer price

index (all items-city average) as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, on the first day of March, 1990; provided, however, that individual fee adjustment amounts may be rounded up to the next dollar amount. All such fees, and any adjustments thereto, shall be deposited in the wildlife resources fund and shall be expended solely for the administration and operation of the agency's programs and responsibilities authorized pursuant to this chapter. Further, the commission shall report to the senate environment, conservation and tourism committee and to the house conservation and environment committee actions taken on permits, licenses, and fees to be assessed following the promulgation of the proposed rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.